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TAGS: CDES, TH (CUSHMAN, WILLIAM A.)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCIT WILLIAM ALLEN CUSHMAN

1. REQUEST DEPT CONTACT S.F. CUSHMAN, 4 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE, WOODBURY, CONN. 96798, AND ADVISE HIM OF FOLLOWING: UPON RECEIPT OF HIS LETTER DATED 9 SEPT, CONOFF VISITED HIS UNCLE, MR. WILLIAM ALLEN CUSHMAN, TOLD HIM OF NEPHEW'S CONCERN FOR HIS WELFARE, AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED HE RETURN TO U.S. EDERLY MR. CUSHMAN REFUSED SAYING HIS FRIENDS IN THAILAND WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM. (TWO THAI MEN WHO HE SAID WERE HIS EMPLOYEES WERE AT HIS HOUSE AT TIME OF VISIT.) CUSHMAN WAS, HOWEVER, LIVING IN SQUALOR, HAD NOT EATEN THAT DAY AND ADMITTED HE HAD BEEN VICTIM OF SEVERAL ROBBERIES LEAVING HIM WITH ALMOST NONE OF HIS POSSESSIONS. CONOFF ALSO LEARNED THAT CUSHMAN HAS RUN UP BILLS AT SEVERAL STORES AROUND TOWN AMMOUNTING TO APPROXIMATELY \$500. LAWYER PRAWIN WAS CONTACTED AND SAID HE HAD ASKED MR. CUSHMAN TO WRITE HOME FOR MONEY, BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO WRITE

2. CONOFF THEN EXPLORED POSSIBILITY OF CUSHMAN MOVING INTO HOME FOR AGED LOCATED CHIANG MAI. HOME SAID IT WOULD ACCEPT HIM AS CHARITY CASE, BUT WHEN CONOFF RETURNED TO SEE HIM, CUSHMAN WAS SICK IN BED WHICH MADE IT DOUBTFUL HE COULD SUFFICIENTLY CARE FOR HIMSELF TO TMEET ADMITTANCE STANDARDS OF HOME. CONOFF, THEREFORE, UNCLASSIFIED

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TOOK HIM TO MCCORMICK HOSPITAL (PRIVATE MISSIONARY

HOSPITAL) WHERE AMERICAN DOCTOR AFTER PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION SAID HE SUFFERING FROM SEVERE MALNUTRITION AND WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN UNDER OBSERVATION OR SEVERAL DAYS TO DETERMINE ANY OTHER COMPLICATIONS. DOCTOR DESCRIBED CONDITION AS "SERIOUS."

3. DURING NIGHT OF SEPT 22-23 MR. CUSHMAN PASSED AWAY. AMONG FILES AT CONSULATE IS AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS DATED FEB 1972 WITH AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IN WHICH CUSHMAN REQUESTED AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO HAVE HIS ASHES STREWN OVER LAKE ON EMBASSY GROUNDS. COST FOR CREMATION IS \$30, AND CONSULATE WOULD ARRANGE FOR ASHES TO BE TAKEN TO BANGKOK. ALSO IN FILE IS WILL DATED 21 MAY 1968 NAMING SNONG MALAILERT AS EXECUTOR, LEAVING REAL AND PERSONAL ESTATE IN THAILAND TO SNONG AND ASKING CONSULATE TO NOTIFY HIS SISTER MISS HARRIET C. CUSHMAN, NEWTON PLACE, STURBRIDGE, MASS. OF DEATH (DEPT, PLEASE ASK NEPHEW TO NOTIFY HER OR DO SO DIRECTLY).

4. REQUEST FAMILY'S DESIRES RE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS. LOCAL BURIAL AT CEMETERY FOR FOREIGNERS 3950 (ALL FIGURES APPROXIMATE), BURIAL AT CEMETERY IF CREMATED \$100, AIR SHIPMENT TO U.S. \$66 PER KILO BANGKOK-SAN FRANCISCO, CREMATED AIR \$40. LOCAL EMBALMING FACILITIES ARE LIMITED AND INTERNAL AIRLINES WILL NOT CARRY REMAINS. CONSULATE SUGGESTS LOCAL CREMATION WITH ASHES SCATTERED ON EMBASSY LAKE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MR. CUSHMAN'S DESIRES. TEMPORARY STORAGE AT HOSPITAL IS \$10/DAY.

5. MORE COMPLETE ACCOUNTING OF DEBTS AND ASSETS WILL FOLLOW. PLEASE ADVISE.
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